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## LOCAL NEWS

## PETTY OFFENSES

Did the legislature make a mistake two years ago when it made simple assault and petty larceny circuit court offenses, classed as felonies and as such placed in the same class as major crimes? Many law enforcement officials believe this to be the case.

Previous to the adoption of the present crime code these petty offenses were handled in justice courts and it never occurred to anybody that this means of disposing of them was in any way ineffective.

Today the man who, in the heat of passion, slaps his neighbor, or the poor unfortunate who steals fifteen cent's worth of coal, must undergo through two courts instead of one, with extra attorney expense to himself and an additional expense to the taxpayers.

And that is not all. It is the purpose of the framers of the new crime code to relieve the congested condition of the courts by providing more direct means of bringing offenders to justice, yet at the same time they add these petty offenses to their docket which, in many instances, makes a shamble of our higher courts. A change in this part of the code might be worthy of consideration.

## JUDGES FOR LIFE

The 1929 Michigan legislature will be asked to submit an amendment to the state constitution requiring appointment for life for judges of the supreme and circuit courts. This proposal will come from a Wayne county member of the state senate. Proponents of this idea believe it will result in removing judges from politics.

Here is a bit of legislative departure that should be approached very carefully. Political influence very rarely touches the lives of circuit court judges in the rural sections of the state, and there is no particular burden imposed on compelling them to seek re-election every six years.

We know of no circuit judge in Michigan who will experience any real difficulty in being re-elected to additional terms as long as he remains sufficiently qualified both as to health and mental ability. Even with restricted tenure of office there have been many instances where circuit court judges have sought and obtained an additional six years on the bench after they had reached a physical and mental condition that precluded their giving intelligent and satisfactory attention to their exacting duties.

Human nature is pretty everywhere the same, and it is only natural to believe that with life tenure many of the occupants of this most important office in our civic life would be tempted, because of salary and position, to continue on the job long after their usefulness to society had come to an end. This is a question that will bear most searching reflection.

## GOVERNMENT IN BUSINESS

The functions of government are specific and do not include the operation of business enterprises. Government in business tends to socialism, and socialism is contrary to all tradition of our people and to all the principles of government as expressed in the Constitution of the United States.

Successful business requires men of broad vision and trained minds, whose talents and ambitions should not be limited by the fortunes of politics or the meager pay of a government employee.

## Legend Shows Indians'

## French City Supplies

## Perfumes of Quality

**High Sense of Humor**  
A stoic he may have been but in many of the hardships that made him stolen the American Indian displayed a humorous appreciation of the desperate situation that ranked him with the best of all philosophers—those who can and do laugh at life. Witness his legend of the naming of Tsusqualee Bald, a mountain in western North Carolina.

Long, long ago a great drought scared the very heart of summer in the Appalachian country, many mountain streams drying up so that large numbers of fish and animals perished. One day a hunter, throat parched, but canny in seeking a deep-water hole where there might be sustenance, his arrows could obtain, heard strange voices nearby. Stepping in that direction, he discovered it was two water dogs. They were walking about on their hind legs on the dry bottom of their pool and discussing the drought.

One of them said to the other, "Where is the water? I am so thirsty that my apron (meanings his gills, presumably) hangs down almost to the ground and I fear I shall trend upon it."

Then both water dogs laughed. That's what means, therefore, "Where the water dogs laughed."—Detroit News.

## Firefly's Tail Light

## Diffuses Little Heat

The fireflies, or "lightning bugs," which dance in the twilight, carry torches that burn on the same principle as a lighted candle. That is to say, they combine a combustible substance with oxygen and produce light.

The great advantage enjoyed by the firefly is that his tail light makes so little heat; it can fairly be called "cold light."

The substance consumed to produce the firefly's light is luciferin. The shining of fireflies, and of other animals and plants, used to be called phosphorescence, because it looks like the light given off by a piece of rubbed phosphorus in the dark.

But it is not caused by phosphorus. Luciferin really means "light-bearer." By itself it does not glow, but a second substance known as luciferase, present in all luminous organisms, causes it to combine with oxygen, and this makes the luminescence.

Watermelon Long Known

According to Master Graves, the watermelon, abandoned in Massachusetts

until two people who laughed had been ejected from the theater.

It is probably true that a person sees more bad manners at places of entertainment than elsewhere. A certain percentage of the people always talk when there is music, or speaking to be listened to. Such an act is discourteous to the performers, disrespectful to other people who

come or mind to hear.

No matter where you go people who make a nuisance of themselves are always obvious the discourtesy.

Actors who will ask for respect will have the bucking of the large part of their audiences.

## WANTED—FAT FOLKS

Farmers in the Middle West have started a crusade to make fat folks fashionable. "Let every boy be taught to look upon a fat man as his ideal of manly perfection, and let every girl be instructed that curves are surest lure for a handsome and wealthy husband," say the backers of this movement, which believes the problem of farm relief will be solved if Americans can be persuaded to eat more food.

Commenting on the new crusade, the editor of Farm and Fireside, a national farm magazine, says: "The farmers are right. Curves will solve the farm surplus problem. These flat-chested skinny-hipped, hide-and-bone women are the real menace to agriculture. What we need is more wholesome respect and admiration for fat people."

"The present fashion for slender females is not based on human nature. No woman wants to diet.

Women like to fill their tummies even better than men do. Equally questionable is the fact that no man actually admires weakened, dehydrated women who can get into the modern ready-made \$14.98 dress. Any man would much prefer to associate with and marry a good healthy cylindrical girl who has a lap and some girth."

"The idea that a lettuce leaf and a slice of pineapple make a meal must be annihilated. Dieting is digging more graves today than ever were dug with teeth."

At one step, the farmers suggest that exemption from taxation be granted to all people who weigh over 200 pounds. They declare bluntly that what agriculture needs is more consumption of its products in regular honest square meals that include two kinds of meat, three kinds of pie and plenty of mashed potatoes and gravy.

It is said that over ninety million dollars worth of toys were manufactured in the United States this year. And yet there are some people who say they don't believe in Santa Claus.

The Salem News declares that if the communists element would do a little less parading with banners and a little more working with their hands to make communist experiments practical, they would get more converts. All well and good. But the communist element would do a any working with the hands by the communists.

## Not Near Saturation Point

According to a noted German geographer, the earth as a whole can support a population of at least five times its present number. Europe is considered to be 80 per cent full. Africa and Australia offer the greatest possibilities in the way of increased population.

The first book printed on paper made from cornstarch is an exhibition in New York City. Here is a real work on farm relief.

## French City Supplies

## Perfumes of Quality

The little town of Grasse, of 16,000 inhabitants, picturesquely situated on the French Riviera, is the greatest center in the world for the making of scents and perfumes.

During the past year the quantity of flowers used for the making of perfumes reached the total of 13,000,000 pounds. Included were orange blossoms, violets, jasmine, roses, tuberose, carnations, cassia, mimosa, mimosa, and wallflowers. Thirty thousand pounds of roses are required for a single quart of essence of rose.

Gated the "City of Scents," Grasse began its perfume making away back in the Sixteenth century, when Queen Catherine de Medici sent an expert to Grasse with the purpose of "founding a laboratory." The city's busiest period is from May to July. Then visitors are shown great shallow vats of liquid lard or some other equally basic preparation, upon which large quantities of flowers are laid, so that the greasy substance underneath may absorb any essence coming from these floral heaps.

When this process takes place the mass of fat is boiled down and other liquids are mixed with it. Liquids having special properties for strengthening and retaining the particular perfume desired. Then comes the time to bottle, pack and transport the fragrant scents. No less than 400 factories are engaged in scent making in Grasse, which gives employment to 80 per cent of the population.

## Bat Tribe Members

## of Animal Kingdom

Bats are animals, not birds. They suckle their young at the breast and are classed by zoologists as flying mammals. There are more than 250 species and subspecies of bats in North America alone. Some of the tropical species are blood-sucking vampires, and others are fruit eaters, although nearly all the bats of the United States and further north are insectivorous. Usually the female

gives birth to one young, but cases of twins are not uncommon. One authority says on this subject: "They never make any nests or even attempt to fly over the crannies where they hide and where the little bats are born. These helpless little things are left at home at the mercy of foraging raptors and mice." When the old bat flies off into the twilight the youngsters often go with her, clinging about her neck. At times she deposits them on the branch of a tree, where they hang, sheltered by the leaves."

**Novel Coined Phrases**

The Jewish people are not often referred to as children of the ghetto, although the expression is the title of a very well-known novel by Israel Zangwill, "Zangwill, a successful English novelist, wrote 'Children of the Ghetto,' a study of modern Jewish life, in 1892. He died in 1926."

Ghetto means the Jewish quarter which did not exist except in Russia and Poland, for about fifty years. Jewish people now living may have had grandfathers who were children of the ghetto but are not in any sense children of the ghetto themselves.

**EDITORIAL PARAGRAPHS**

Scientists say that their investigations show that girls are born more talkative than boys. We always wondered why there was no remedy.

day will come when the drudgery of cooking at home will be eliminated by the community kitchen. The can opener has already eliminated a great deal of it.

Henry Ford is quoted as saying that no successful boy ever saved money. What should he do with it, buy gasoline?

**Mental Transformation**

In the course of some investigations of epilepsy, a French neurologist secured some specimens of writing being used before epileptic seizure and continued during that state. His report is that the part written in a normal and lucid state is correct as to form and content, while the part written in an epileptic state is incorrect in both content and form. The defects

in the writing appear suddenly, with no transitional phase, and affect the penmanship and the composition. The letters have become curved, the outlines have been enlarged, and the forms have been changed. The composition is a strange, incoherent conglomeration of words and ideas.

**At Sunday School**

The five year old son of a South side resident had just returned from the ever eventful first Sunday school class and was being questioned as to what he had learned during the course of the morning.

His mother asked: "What did the teacher say to you this morning, Charles?"

The youngster pondered a moment before answering. Then he looked up and said: "The teacher said to keep still and sit down." Indianapolis News.

**On the Ark**

Noah (in cabin): "Water, water, not 't' thing in sight but water. I think I'm going out." Mrs. Noah (entering from arbor): "Oh, there is a whale in the water, not 't' thing in sight, but water, I think I'm going out." Noah: "Great."

We're in touch with the outside world at last. What does it say? Mrs. Noah: "It's from your Cousin Fanny and she just wrote: 'To Bly, Bly, Bly—Oceans of love.' (They had love for dinner.) Kansas City Times.

**Faith Perfect**

"Why don't you call a donkey and have done with it? You've hired it in strong enough," said the hen-necked husband.

"It wouldn't be quite true," replied Mrs. Meek.

"I suppose not, I have two sons enough for a donkey."

"Oh, yes, you have. You don't need two sons."

"What do I need then?"

"Two more legs and a better voice."

**Large Horses**

The largest horse ever known is said to be the Nippon gigantico, the skeleton of which was found in Texas in 1911. From the animal's teeth it was estimated that the horse would have measured 18 hands. The weight was not determined. A percheron horse in France was known to be 17½ hands and weighed over 2,000 pounds.

**MICKIE SAYS—**

**CHEESE-CAKE FOR 100**

**WHEN TO LEAVE THINGS OUT**

**OF TH PAPER & WHY IF ANY**

**EDITOR WANTS TO PRINT ALL**

**HE KNOWS IN EVEN A SINGLE**

**ISSUE, TH CEDUS FIGURES**

**OF HIS TOWN WOULD TAKE**

**A SUDDEN DROP**

**—**

**HAS YOUR**

**SUPERIOR**

**EXPOSED?**

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**HIDDEN OUTDOORS**

**No one ever found his lost youth**

**Indoors.—American Magazine.**

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## AGRICULTURAL NOTES



Home Town Editors To Meet At M. S. C.

Publishers of Michigan's home town or "community" newspapers will gather at East Lansing on January 24, 25, and 26 this year for the annual conference of the Michigan Press Association.

Discussion of editorial and business problems, aimed at building a stronger rural press for service to thousands of readers, will feature the business sessions of the meeting. Leading figures in the nation's editorial, business, and political life are scheduled to speak at special gatherings of the conference.

More than a half century old, the Michigan Press Association includes in its membership over 200 publishers of weekly newspapers. Delegates from every corner of the state will "sit in" on the coming meeting.

James Schermerhorn, of Detroit, known as "Jim" to Michigan newspapermen, will be a featured speaker at the association's annual banquet on Thursday evening, Jan. 24. A former publisher of a country weekly and president of the Michigan Press Association, Schermerhorn has earned a reputation in late years as one of America's leading after dinner speakers.

Table Stock Traded For Certified Seed

Member of the Cadillac Potato Growers Exchange are improving their seed stock through an arrangement which enables the growers to trade a bushel and a half of table stock potatoes for a bushel of certified seed.

The plan has been in operation for two years. This year, the Exchange placed two carloads of certified seed with 15 members of associations which are affiliated with the Exchange. The seed produced 15,000 bushels of certified potatoes which will be used for seed by other members of the associations.

Each of the 15 growers produced his crop under the supervision of the farm crops department at Michigan State College and each field was sprayed five times. Check plots left unsprayed in each field demonstrated that the spraying increased yields 42 bushels per acre.

Trials were also conducted to determine whether closeness of planting had any effect upon the percentage of hollow heart in the potatoes. It was found that, when the seed was planted 36 by 36 inches apart, 10.1 per cent of the potatoes were hollow.

The use of fertilizer increased the yields 39 bushels per acre on the farms of the 15 growers. The analyses used were 2-12-6 and 0-10-10.

Always feed the dairy cow at regular hours. Dairy cows are very sensitive to changes in feeding routine.

## To Get Good Chicks

Begin now to give special attention to feeding the breeders of the poultry flock, if you want early hatches and chicks of good quality, says the U. S. Department of Agriculture. The ration for breeders should have some what less corn meal and meat scraps than that for the layers. On the other hand, milk, minerals, and green feed are of particular importance in the brooding ration. It is very desirable to have an abundance of vitamins in the breeding ration, and 2 quarts of cod-liver oil added to every 100 pounds of mash will enable the breeders to utilize the minerals in the ration. Direct sunlight is beneficial and all breeders should be allowed outdoors as much as possible. If the ground is covered with snow, keep the windows of the poultry house open whenever possible. Yearling birds usually produce better chicks than

## Konjola Quickly Ended All Her Health Troubles

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## Adjust the Cream Separator

Great variations in the butterfat

tests of cream from a separator can be avoided. Although the butterfat content of cream can be regulated within certain limits by adjusting the cream screw, skin-milk screw, and other factors affect the butterfat test of cream, says the Bureau of Dairy Industry of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. A low speed of the separator bowl results in a few puffs of air, but reducing the speed of the machine should be run at the speed recommended by the manufacturer. Another factor is the rate of flow through the bowl, reduction in the amount of flow from the supply tank to the bowl increasing

skin eruptions began to appear on my face and for three months, I tried

all sorts of soap and lotion recom-

mended to clear the skin.

"Finally, Konjola was recommended

machine more slowly than warm milk

and results in a smaller volume of

higher testing cream. Finally high

testing milk produces higher testing

cream than low testing milk.

Varietal names of corn mean little;

but knowledge of where a strain has

been grown and how it has been

selected is all important in choosing

seed for planting.

Few people realize that wet leather "burns" much more readily than dry leather and often spoil their shoes by putting them while wet on hot radiators, pipes, or stoves. Shoes should be dried very slowly in a place that is not too hot. They should not become hot to the hand.

To obtain "prime" muskrat and

coyote pelts, trapping should be done during February or March, when they are at their best and have no dark spots on the flesh side. Pelts of other fur bears are in the best condition through December and until about the end of January.

The flavor of the humble onion had

place, but it is not in eggs. Avoid

feeding onions—or any other highly

flavored products—to laying hens kept

in bare yards without access to green

feed, as under these conditions the

eggs produced will taste of the pro-

ducts.

It costs no more to grow a crop

adapted to local conditions than to

lose to grow one not adapted to your

particular locality. If your bird

is growing a crop that does better

than the crop you have been growing,

get seed from him and see if it will

not do as well—or perhaps better for

you.

All you need for waterproofing

shoes is a little petroleum and bees-

wax. Melt the materials together at

the rate of 1 pound of petroleum and

2 ounces of beeswax and apply the

grease while warm, but not hotter

than the hand can bear. Another

simple formula for the same purpose

is 3 ounces of cod oil and 12 ounces

of tallow. Grease softens rubber, so

rubber heels on shoes should not be

treated.

Personal Work

Years ago, H. H. Sargeant, advocating

personal work, said:

"If you had one hundred empty bot-

ties before you, and threw a pull of

water over them, some would get a

little in them, and most would not

outside. If you wish to fill the bot-

ties, the best way is to take each bot-

tie separately and put a vessel full

of water over the bottle's mouth."

That is successful personal work.

Let Well Enough Alone

Generally the man who thinks that

his wife doesn't understand him would

be out of luck if she did.—Rushville

Republican

It is one of the strongest things in

London's history that she should first

appear at the moment when she was

sacked by a British queen, and that

queen's status should now stand in

a place of honor under the palace of

Westminster, looking down the

Thames. It is strange, but it marks

that peculiar position of London as

the meeting place of the races out of

which the English people were made.

Active Contention

Although past one hundred days

Daniel Robinson of Maghera, Ireland, is still busy fishing. He seldom misses

a day with hook and line, and when

out fishing with his grandson recently

caught twenty Pike. Robinson lives

with his son who is seventy-five, and

both draw old age pensions. In the

house next to him are his granddaugh-

ter and baby great-grandson. The

aged man declares that he has never

been sick a day in his life. He does

not smoke, drinks very little and pre-

fers buttermilk to porter.

## Vigilant Law Officer

Had Seen 'Em Doing It

Speeding across the country from Los Angeles to New York by motor, two motion-picture celebrities were held up by the constable in a small town and, as usual, the officer had all the advantage on his side. He refused to give them a ticket and finally compromised by taking them directly before the judge.

The constable was very hot under the collar and declared he would make it hot for them, but the couple were hardly prepared for the outraged officer's charge in court.

"Your honor," he announced pom- pously, "this is a couple of motion-picture people an' the charge I'm prefer- rin' against them is arson."

"Arson!" roared one of the accused. "What do you mean! We were never out of our car till you flagged us!"

"You was burnin' up the road, an' I'm preferin' the charge of arson against you," insisted the constable, and even the court had to laugh as he let them off with a five dollar fine.

## Historians Unable to

Place Queen of Sheba

The nationality of the queen of Sheba, mentioned in the Bible in connection with a visit to King Solomon unknown for certain, is more or less unknown. That "Sheba" is merely a variation of the word "Saba," which was the name of a country in the region in southwestern Arabia. The

region is now known as Yemen. The

Sabaeans were dark complexioned white

people and belonged to the same gen-

eral family of Hamitic as the Hebrews. They had extensive colonies

in Africa, where they mingled with

the Ethiopians, with whom they are

sometimes confused. The Abyssinians

have a tradition that the queen of

Sheba who visited Solomon was a

monarch of their country and their

royal family claims descent from Men-

elek, an alleged son of the queen of

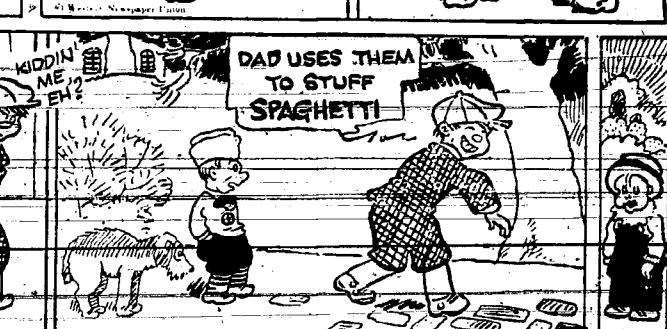
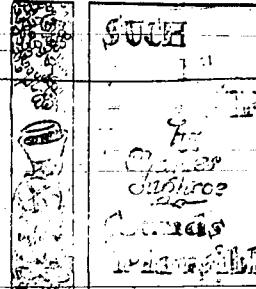
Sheba by King Solomon. The queen

who made herself famous by her spe-

cial visit to King Solomon was

very likely the same person known in

history as Queen Beldis of the Sabaeans. —Pathfinder Magazine.



## Interesting Events In Grayling 23 Years Ago

INTERESTING ITEMS OF NEWS GATHERED FROM THE FILES OF THE AVALANCHE OF 23 YEARS AGO

Thursday, January 4, 1906

where the best music comes from and you just have the best. It is re-

ported as a very enjoyable occasion.

Dr. E. G. Payne of Roscommon has sold his drug store and will give his time to the practice of his profession.

Mr. and Mrs. Hyel went on their business vacation with her mother, just snow enough, with swamp roads easily made and freezing.

O. F. Barnes was up from the ranch last week, after spending Christmas with his family in the town.

The new furnace in the Presby-



## The TREASURE of the BUCOLEON

By ARTHUR D. HOWDEN SMITH

W.M.U. SERVICE

A very sad chapter in the glorious history of this ancient family. Mr. Na...," murmured the vicar with moist eyes.

CHAPTER I—In New York, Hugh Cheby, English World War veteran, relates a story of a treasure in Constantinople in the existence of which he has been looking for years. A cabriolet, containing Hugh of his uncle's estate for New York. At the hotel, Hugh and his uncle learn from Watkins, Lord Cheby's valet, that the old gentleman has left a larger sum, according to his friend of Uncle, a sum of £10,000. Hugh receives a message通知 his uncle is in a hospital, dying, victim of arras, and that he has no knowledge of the treasure, and tells them he was stabbed by "Toutou." With Lord Cheby, body guard, and Jack said for England.

CHAPTER II—In London Hugh and Jack meet their war buddy, Nikka Zaranko, famous gypsy violinist and portrayer. They go to the hotel, having a bearing on the treasure and its location. A hidden room, referred to as "the Prior's Vest," is frequently mentioned.

## CHAPTER III

## The Hillyer Party

Penfellow, the vicar, received a at the west door of the parish church, a gigantic edifice which was all that was left of the once noble foundation of the priory of St. Cuthbert of Cramden. He escorted Hugh and Jack daintily Nikka and me up the center aisle to a high-walled pew directly under the choir.

The tempered light that shone through stained glass windows left most of the space in shadow, but I descended beyond the bounds of the crossing a second time like a giant at our ears, and in it a company whose gay elation and jubilant ways were out of place in contrast with the stolid piety of the village folk and neighboring gentry.

"There's Hillyer," muttered Hugh in my ear.

But we had no time to spare for observing the country's black sheep. Mr. Penfellow's quavering, must voice began to intone the stately rite of the Established Church for the dead. The shrill voices of the choir boys responded. Our eyes became fastened upon the oblong casket resting on its low catafalque under the choir railing which contained the body of James Cheby, that quaint, whimsical, Twelfth century knight errant, who had upheld the traditions of his race by tilting over the world in pursuit of a prize which all other men prochanted to be impossible of attainment.

And he had as good as found it. Laughed at, derided, mocked and ridiculed, he had persisted doggedly to what he had regarded as his life work. He had succeeded where all others had failed or feared to venture. And at the last, probably when he envied complete success in his grasp, he had accepted death rather than yield the prior to any but his heir. He must have had good stuff in him, but slight, wan-faced slip of a man, whom I had only seen in his day on his deathbed in the hospital, his eyes shining to the end with indomitable spirit.

As I thought of him, cut and hacked by that brute Toutou, I found my fingers clenched on the book rack in front of me, and glancing down, I saw Hugh's knuckles, too, were white. We exchanged a grim look. Fo—the first time we understood fully that we were playing a man's game in a game in which there was no limit. And we experienced the thirst for action which comes from a desire to slake unsatisfied vengeance. This task we had set ourselves to was more than a hunt for treasure. It was likewise a pursuit of James Cheby's murderer.

My eyes chanced to stray toward the opposite side of the crossing and in the shadows that hovered over the Hillyer pew I glimpsed a pair of eyes that gleamed with the evil green light of a beast of prey. For an instant only they showed. Then the shadows moved and they disappeared. Started, I looked again, and peered. Started, I looked again, and saw nothing. It must have been time. I told myself, a trick of the sunbeams filtered through the patterned glass of the windows.

The formal service was soon ended and after the congregation had filed out, a little knot of men from Cheby's farms poised the casket on their shoulders and paced slowly up Mr. Penfellow and the verger down the broad, winding stairs to the "Blaried" crypt. At the east end, beneath the altar, the verger unlocked a massive iron door and behind that an iron grate. There was a minute's delay while we lit tall candles, and then the little procession marched on to the last resting place of the Chebys.

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"Watty, I wish you'd make inquiries along the roads, and find out if any strangers have been seen around the place this morning. Oh, yes, and tell the servants not to talk. You understand?"

"That was another good idea," said Nikka. "Our best bet is to keep our mouths shut. They, however, they are, have us guessing. Maybe we can make them guess a little. And that reminds me, do you realize that they have saved us quite a bit of searching? I suggest that we waste no time in going thoroughly over this wing, ourselves."

We set to work with gusto. On my suggestion—they nominated my cabin in this enterprise because of my supposed architectural knowledge—we commenced with the gunroom. We examined it from end to end, tapping the paneling for secret recesses, examined the furniture. No result.

After luncheon, we layed on the upper floor and went over the entire structure in detail. We measured the different rooms. I even took outer measurements. We studied chimneys. We sounded floors, fumigated the room and baffled by lack of success, we turned Watkins to put on dinner, and worked on until after nine o'clock. Still no success.

We went to bed that night, tired out and disgusted. But in the morning we arose with sharpened interest and determined to canvass the possibilities in the parts of the house the invaders had searched. Again we took careful measurements. Ingle and out. Again we sounded paneling, investigated recesses and chimney spaces. We hunted for two days. Then we went back and re-examined the west wing a second time. We ended up in stark disappoiment in the gunroom.

Nikka, who had relapsed into one of his frequent spells of silent contemplation, jumped suddenly from his chair.

"It is here. It is in this room," he said. "Is that a gypsy prophecy?" jeered Hugh.

There was a racket of motors outside in the drive, and Watkins appeared in the doorway.

"What sounds like a threat?" I laughed.

"God forbid!" she ejaculated with true Pussey-like glee. "It is that I leave your security."

"Are you staying in England?" I asked.

"Only temporarily. We shall be in Paris shortly."

I happened to look up at that moment, and surprised the Italian in one of his lightning surveys of the room.

"Your friend there seems exclusive," I remarked.

"Oh, he?" she said bashfully. "He speaks no English and he is sensible about it. He talks little in any case. These scientists, you know."

Hilmi Bey left the Italian's side and sauntered over to us.

"A beautiful old man," he said.

"Has it any history?"

"It's the oldest part of the present building," I told him. "I understand it represents a reconstruction during Elizabeth's reign."

"That is a gorgeous fireplace," said the countess.

"Ah, yes," he agreed with his absurdly broad pronunciation. "Rather a quaint verse there, too, I see. How does it run?"

He picked it up slowly, with some help from the Russian girl.

"Whene'er thou'rt happiest

Churhmeane

Whene'er art thy Soul's

content.

See looking up ye Prior's Bent.

And Irode ye Prior's Bent.

"Deuced odd! What does it all mean?"

"I haven't the slightest idea," I said. "Not but anybody else."

Our conversation had attracted the attention of the others, and Mrs. Hillyer drew Nikka and the count in front of the chimney piece.

"They were a queer crowd," I admitted. "That countess wasn't bad looking, though. I think she was trying to pump me."

"Well, Hillyer didn't ask me any questions. I'm bound to say," returned Hugh. "He was too busy with his beastly gambling anecdotes, and crooked dice. What did you make out of him, Nikka?"

Nikka lit a cigarette before he replied.

"I think they're a party of polite thieves," he answered at last. "At least, some of them. The Italian gave me the shakes."

"Who was the Bey person?" inquired Hugh.

Nikka's lip curled.

"That fellow here! I know the breed. They live by graft and worse."



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## Local Happenings

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 1928

It's time to write it 1929.

Fred Hoesli is absent from the A. & P. store and entertaining the flu.

Mrs. E. L. Buckley returned Monday from Chicago, where she had been visiting relatives for a week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Gillett entertained the former's brother John R. late of Bay City over New Year's.

Mr. and Mrs. Carol Vincent and family of Flint have been visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Sherman.

Messrs. Leo Schram, Dan Cox and Mr. Hodgson came up from Flint yesterday for a short visit. They are returning today.

Mrs. O. W. Hanson is at Mercy Hospital, where she has been having a siege of the flu. However she is recovering nicely.

Peter Reuter returned Saturday from a week's visit in Detroit with his brother, who is ill, having suffered a stroke of paralysis.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dreher returned to Detroit the last of the week after a pleasant visit with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex LaGrow.

Mrs. D. J. Cathahan returned Sunday from Battle Creek, where she went to be in attendance at the funeral of her sister, Mrs. Frank Klacken.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Campbell returned to Mt. Pleasant Sunday after a couple of weeks visit with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hansen.

Mrs. Jess Sales of Detroit is spending a couple of weeks visiting her father, Lars Nelson. Mrs. Sales accompanied by her father went to rooms in Frederic. Before returning he will take a month's vacation visiting relatives in Ohio.

The first newcomers of the new year to Crawford County that we know of are twin daughters of their children and Mrs. LaMotte's sisters and their husbands. New Year's that were born to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Crum of Riverview this morning.

Charles Abbott has sold his drug store in West Branch to E. S. Standard of Owosso. Haven't heard what Charlie intends to do now. He is a capable pharmacist and store manager and no doubt won't be idle long.

Miss Emma Hanson of Houghton Lake visited her sister Mrs. A. J. Nelson Friday and Saturday. On Sunday the Nelsens enjoyed a visit from Mrs. Nelson's sister; Miss Caroline Hanson who is student at Ypsilanti State Normal College.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Boening and little son spent New Year's in Traverse City.

Junior Wakeley left Tuesday night for Detroit where he will work this winter for General Motors Co.

Miss Josephine Collier arrived yesterday from Detroit to spend a few days, a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Hoesli.

Miss Eleanore Schumann returned to her teaching in Grand Rapids Wednesday. She was accompanied by her mother who will remain for the week.

Miss Virginia Hanson returned yesterday afternoon to Chicago, where she attends school after spending the holidays here. Her father T. W. Hanson accompanied her.

Master John Yager of Bay City who was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. George Burke over Christmas returned home Monday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Burke accompanied him by auto.

As we go to press we learn of the death of Mrs. Sarah E. McKay at her home in Frederic this morning. Mrs. McKay was the mother of Mrs. Anne E. Stannard of that place.

Word was received this morning saying that Will Moon, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Moon, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Lena Melstrum Hughes, died at his home in Detroit on New Year's Eve. Mrs. Hughes will be remembered by many of our people as she resided here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Melstrum at one time.

A revolving wheel with the greeting "Happy New Year 1929" fills the space of one of the windows at the Grayling Ac to \$1.00 store. The lettering is in silver on a pale blue background and is operated electrically. It is attracting a lot of attention.

Misses Margretha and Olga Nelson had as their guest Saturday Miss Margaret Ardis of Lake City. On New Year's day they enjoyed having Miss Sylvia Rothemeyer, who was enroute from her home in Bay City to Detroit, where she is teaching this year.

Chris Olsen has been a patient at Mercy Hospital for the past week having siege of the flu.

Einer Jorgenson returned to Detroit Monday after a couple of weeks visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Jorgenson.

Mrs. S. J. Graham, who is in Bay City for the winter months arrived Tuesday to visit her mother Mrs. R. Hanson for a time.

Walter Cowell is able to be back in his torsion parlor again after being laid up for several days with an injury he received in fall.

Misses Mildred Ostrander and "Boots" LaMotte accompanied Bill Caid and John Kelllogg to Lowell Wednesday and attended a party.

Clinton McNeven of Bay City visited Howard Granger over the weekend, enjoying the toboggan slide at Lake Marquette while here.

We have some beautiful coats still on hand that we will make you wonderful prices on. Come and see us. Redson & Cooley.

Wm. Leng of Frederic was in Grayling Friday enroute to the Auto Show at Detroit. He said he would bring back a new 1929 Graham-Paige for an exhibition car at his show rooms in Frederic. Before returning he will take a month's vacation visiting relatives in Ohio.

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Dresses 1/2 off at the Gift Shop.

Take your prescriptions to the Central Drug Store.

Junior Leslie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Leslie of Beaver Creek, is a patient at Mercy Hospital, having been threatened with pneumonia.

There will be a regular meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of the American Legion at the hall Tuesday evening, Jan. 8, at 7:30 o'clock sharp.

Miss Annabelle McLeod, who was taken to Mercy Hospital Saturday night threatened with pneumonia is improving, which will be glad news to her friends.

Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Scott accompanied by the latter's father and sister Charles Ostrander and Miss Mildred motored to Lansing Saturday to remain for the winter.

Soren Andreason of Flint was in Grayling over the week end coming on business and to visit friends. He was a guest at the home of Nick Schiotz while here.

The Hospital Aid Society will meet Thursday, January 10th at the home of Mrs. Marius Hanson. Mrs. Charles Tromble and Mrs. Harold Rasmussen will assist in entertaining.

The regular meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Michelson Memorial church that was to have been held next Wednesday has been postponed indefinitely.

Two-cord load of soft wood slabs delivered, \$5.00. Two-cord load hard wood slabs delivered, \$6.00. Phone 37, Grayling Mfg. Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Jarnin are enjoying a visit from the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Jarnin of Bay City. They also had as their guests over New Year's Mrs. Jarnin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Bradley Hawthorne of Bay City.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudolf Jorgenson returned Saturday from Detroit, where they visited over Christmas with their children, Bonnie, Miss Helga and Mrs. Ralph Warner of Detroit, their son Ernest and family of Pontiac joining the family in Detroit for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Goodrick and Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Crandall motored up from Flint and spent the holidays with the ladies mother Mrs. David White. On New Year's eve they with Mr. and Mrs. White were guests at the home of their sister Mrs. Tracy Nelson to watch the old year out and the new year in and on New Year's day all were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. White.

Each unit of the American Legion Auxiliary are given a certain quota to fill each year as part of their welfare work, which is outside from their local activities. So as to give the public an idea of what the Women's Auxiliary are doing, following is the quota for 1928 which has been cheerfully filled: 1/4 quarts of fruit, 40 of which was shipped to the American Legion Hospital, Battle Creek, 10 quarts to the United States Veterans Hospital, Battle Creek, and 11 quarts to the Children's billet at Otter Lake. An outfit of a bathrobe, 2 suits of pajamas and 1 pair of bed-room slippers for one patient at American Legion Hospital; a sweater which has been cheerfully filled; 1/4 quarts of fruit, 40 of which was shipped to the American Legion Hospital, Battle Creek, 10 quarts to the United States Veterans Hospital, Battle Creek, and 11 quarts to the Children's billet at Otter Lake. 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